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Services holiday hours

Aero Club, administration and sales closed Tuesday

Auto Skills Center, closed Tuesday and Wednesday

Base Library, closed Tuesday

Base Restaurant, closed Tuesday

Bowling Center, open Tuesday from 1- 9 p.m.

CDC East and West, closed Tuesday

Civilian Recreation, office closed Tuesday

Enlisted Club, open Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Family Child Care, closed Tuesday

Fitness Center, open Tuesday from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Flight Line Dining Facility, closed Tuesday (fast food), Flight Line Kitchen remains open

Food Service office, closed Tuesday

Golf Course, open Tuesday from 7 a.m. - dusk

Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness, normal hours of operation

Human Resource office, closed Tuesday

Information, Tickets and Travel, closed Tuesday

Lodging, normal hours of operation

Marketing, closed Tuesday

Nature Center, closed Tuesday

Officers' Club, closed Tuesday

Pizza Depot, closed Tuesday

Rental Center, closed Tuesday

Resource Management office/NAF, closed Tuesday

Robins Japanese Grill, closes today and Monday at 5 p.m., closed Tuesday

Skeet Range, open Tuesday from 1 - 5 p.m., resume normal hours Wednesday

Skills Development Center, closed Tuesday

Smith Community Center, closed Tuesday

Teen Center, closed Tuesday and Wednesday

Vet services, closed Tuesday

Wood Shop, closed Tuesday

Wynn Dining Facility, open Tuesday

Youth Center, closed Tuesday

The Commissary will be open Tuesday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

NFL cheerleaders meet and greet

The enlisted club will host a meet and greet with the New England Patriots cheerleaders Nov. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. The event is free and open to anyone with access to the base. Come out and get an autograph and enjoy all the NFL games live on TV.

The doctors are in



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Joyce Sands, sheet metal mechanic, works on a left ramp diverter seal on an F-15 in Building 82. Sands is part of the F-15 Hospital Crew that helps repair battle damaged aircraft.

F-15 Hospital Crew helps keep mission moving

By Lanorris Askew
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Albert Martin says nose jobs, fire and crash damage, collapsed gears and other major aircraft mishaps are all in a days work for the specialists of the F-15 Hospital Crew.

Tucked neatly into the flight line's Building 82, the men and women of the F-15 Hospital Crew help to battle damage that would otherwise grind the weapons system's program depot maintenance line to a screeching halt.

Martin, F-15 crash damage section industrial production manager, said the concept for the crew came about when they realized there was a problem with the flow of aircraft on the production line when fixes above and beyond its capability arose.

"In fiscal year 2003 the F-15 changed its way of doing overhaul maintenance," he said. "We engaged in what is known as the Lean concept and under that theory the aircraft production line is supposed to do a certain amount of work in a certain amount of time." That time, known as TACT time, means an aircraft is supposed to move from one position or cell to the next every two and a half days based on the schedule of input aircraft.

Martin said this was sometimes interrupted because the individuals on the production line or those doing operational checks also had the job

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Center posts record small business numbers for 2003

By Fred Anderson
Small Business Office

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center experienced yet another banner year in its small business program.

For fiscal 2003, the Center achieved its goals in awards to small, small disadvantaged and woman-owned small businesses. Awards to small businesses totaled \$710.4 million (\$32.4 million of which was through the Flexible Acquisition Sustainment Tool Program), to small disadvantaged businesses totaled \$163.2 million, and to woman-owned small businesses totaled \$64.2 million.

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WR-ALC fiscal 2003 Small Business performance		
Small Business Base was \$3.38 billion.		
Category	Goal	Performance
numbers are percentages		
Small Business	19.2	21
Small Disadvantaged	3.6	4.9
Woman-Owned	1.2	1.9
HUBZone	3	1.4
Service-Disabled Veteran	3	0.1

EM officials say steer clear of alligators on base

Courtesy Environmental Management

According to Bob Sargent, giving food to your neighbor is a good thing, except when that neighbor happens to be an alligator.

Sargent, Environmental Management Conservation Team lead, said while the novelty of seeing one of these impressive animals sunning itself on the banks of a Robins pond or drainage ditch may tempt some to get a closer look, getting that closer look is a bad idea.

"It's understandable that seeing an alligator creates interest because most of us just aren't used to it," he said. "But people need to know the best thing to do is just stay away and leave them alone, even if they are our neighbors on the base."

Sargent, who has dealt with alligators throughout in Florida and Georgia as a student and as a professional wildlife biologist, said coming too close to alligators might be an unhealthy choice for both man and alligator alike.

"Most people have very little experience with alligators and don't realize how fast the sluggish-looking creatures can actually be or how dangerous

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Security Forces nab high-tech facility

By Chris Zdrakas
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The 78th Security Forces Squadron will cut the ribbon Monday on a new, high-tech control center that will enhance its command and control of emergency and contingency operations.

The center, in Building 263, combines law enforcement and security control activities into a single control joint operations center. It is equipped with the capability to electronically plot trouble areas, and it consolidates control panels for administration and communications functions. The center became operational Monday.

Squadron members put their time and muscle into the \$310,000 project, which was part self-help and partially

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Series looks at military marriages

By Holly J. Logan
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LaDrew are working through married-life, with children and other challenges - and are still in love.

Whether newlywed or several years beyond their honeymoon, these couples know that some of the key ingredients in the recipe of a successful dual military spouse marriage is having a good network system through their armed forces family and base support services and having a mutual understanding of what it's like to walk a mile in each other's combat boots.

Although some civilians may see these relationships as a rocky road, military members whose life-long objects of affection are in uniform, say they aren't alone in the fight to stay together.

Think it can't be done? Turn to Page 5A to read how dual military couples, with differing life challenges and military careers, at Robins are making their marriages work against all odds, in our three-part series running today through Nov. 21.

While deployments and temporary tours of duty carry many dual military couples to opposite sides of the world, many have managed to stay together.

As many could attest, marriage isn't truly marriage without its ups and downs. And marriages involving a military husband and military wife aren't marriages that last through temporary duties and lengthy deployments without two people as committed to each other as they're committed to serving their country.

In addition to conquering the everyday challenges of balancing domestic roles, job duties and other obstacles that pop up along the road to happily ever after, dual military spouse couples like Staff Sgts. Christopher and Stephanie McCleskey, Tech Sgts. Roderic and Claudia Lowe, Maj. David and Barbara Omstead and Capt. Mark and 2nd Lt. Camille



U.S. Air Force photo by Marilyn DeMetrick

Base regulations forbid workers or residents from approaching alligators like the one shown here.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

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the work of the 78th Civil Engineer Group. The project also included upgrades to interview rooms and the guardmount area.

Senior Master Sgt. Charles Trim of security forces operations said the enhanced technology, such as a new ArcView desktop mapping program, will enable controllers at the center to instantly plot cordons for emergencies like fuel spills or major accidents and provide suggested traffic control points at any location on base.

“The initiative of consolidating our security and law enforcement control centers will pay dividends for every-

one on Team Robins,” said Lt. Col. Mark Papen, squadron commander. “The synergistic results will mean better command and control of force protection operations, better service to our customers and a professional work environment that has been a long time coming. There is no doubt that this upgrade will take us to the next critical level of integrated base defense.”

Until the consolidation plan was developed, Security Forces’ security control function was housed in a center at the flight line and law enforcement was in Building 263. During the construction program, the functions shared the flight line center, which now becomes an alternate backup facility.

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of troubleshooting the area.

“Every time troubleshoot-ing had to be done, if the problem held priority over the next aircraft then the complete production line slowed up,” he said. “We devised a concept where we put in a safety valve so when-ever the production line got into trouble with something they couldn’t handle we would move it out of the line and send it to what we call the hospital area. Anything they can’t fix they send to us and instead of having the complete line in the red we only have one or two air-planes.”

According to Martin a total of 36 civilians and between 10 and 17 military personnel from the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron make up the force that supports any issues concerning the ailing aircraft.

“We take care of any little thing that may slow the schedule ranging from corro-sion to component failure,” said Martin.

He said there are five dif-ferent skills on the hospital crew, every major skill avail-able on the production line.

“We can do everything here,” he said. “We have hydraulic people, aircraft components people, electrical and avionics people, pretty much any skill that is needed to do any type of aircraft overhaul maintenance is in this section.”

Lean has made its pres-ence known and according to David Pryor, deputy section chief, the crew’s layout allows it to handle three hos-

pital type jets and up to four crash damaged aircraft at any given time. Because they deal mostly with crash damaged aircraft, when they receive word that there is an aircraft that has some crash damage a team goes out and does an assessment.

“That team dictates to me what I am supposed to do by developing a work package, tell me what is funded and not funded, and that’s what we work from – whatever they say,” he said.

Once the work is complete the aircraft goes out to func-tional test where they per-form all of the operational checks.

“We use ground support equipment to make sure everything is operational when it gets to them,” said Martin.

“The hospital crew process is still brand new so there are a lot of things we are still fine tuning,” said Martin. “We go back and find things we need to readdress, and we do it and it keeps making it better.”

Benny Roberson, aircraft work leader who recently transferred over from the C-141 production line, said the work is very worthwhile.

“This is very interesting work,” he said. “What we do here is a whole new job from what I am used to, but it makes a huge impact on the mission.”

Since its inception in July, the crew has turned five air-craft for the hospital crew that would have otherwise hindered the production line. Martin said last year they turned five crash damaged aircraft that were already in the system and two are in the system for fiscal year 2004.

Security and Policy Review program

By John Birdsong
Center Office of Public Affairs

The Security and Policy Review program adminis-tered by the Office of Public Affairs is a process to ensure documents, photos, videos, briefings and contractor releases do not contain clas-sified material before releas-ing to the general public.

The process also makes sure those same items adhere to Air Force, Department of Defense and U.S. Government policy.

It is an obligation of the Air Force to see that maxi-mum disclosure of informa-tion about Air Force opera-tions and activities are released to the public.

Air Force Public Affairs Offices clear and approve releasability of this informa-tion as fast as possible after a complete review process.

The security and policy review process determines the degree of releasability

but not approval to release the information. That is the decision of the originator.

Security reviews identify classified information that may be contained in submit-ted material but not classify or declassify information.

Again, that is the decision of the originator. Material submitted for review must not be released outside offi-cial channels until the review authority confirms clearance.

All Air Force military and civilian personnel, including Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve personnel on active duty who may be requesting to release material related to their active duty assign-ment, retired military mem-bers, civilians under DoD contract, and former Air Force civilian employees must use the review process to ensure DoD-related infor-mation released to the pub-lic is consistent with their

requirement to safeguard classified material.

The request for an organi-zational public Web site and its content must also go through the security and pol-icy review process.

The process here works well due to the cooperation of the technical experts in the organizations inspecting the material proposed to be released to the public, and the process is done in mini-mum time.

Materials submitted for review are usually approved for release within seven days.

Large documents or materials needing coordina-tion from more than one organization may require the process to take longer.

Information on the Security and Policy Review Program may be found in regulation AFI 35-101 or visit the WR-ALC/PA Web site at <http://www.robins.af.mil/pa/>.

Security and Policy Review program

Step 1 - Submit letter or email to PA requesting review for public release of their attached briefing, video, photos etc. The let-ter or email should state subject, audience and location. Also needed is a point of contact, phone number and fax number. The letter or e-mail should include a state-ment that the attachment "does not contain any-thing classified, is non-proprietary, technically accurate and suitable for public release."

Step 2 - Allow 10 days for review process from time received in PA.

Step 3 - At completion of review, a security review case number will be assigned for future ref-erence and approval will be given to submitting office.

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Compared to fiscal 2002, these amounts represent increases of \$138.7 million, \$23.2 million, and \$18.6 million respectively. Progress was also made in awards to historically underutilized busi-ness zone, or HUBZone, firms and to ser-vice-disabled veteran-owned small busi-nesses, or SDVSB. Awards to HUBZone firms totaled \$47.8 million, an increase of \$27.8 million from the previous year while awards to SDVSBs hit \$4.3 mil-lion, an increase of \$3.7 million.

The HUBZone and SDVSB goals for fiscal 2003 were assigned at the 3 percent national level. Of the total Air Force Material Command dollars awarded in fiscal 2003 in these two categories, WRALC accounted for over 30 percent of the dollars in each. For fiscal 2004, the HUBZone and SDVSB goals will be assigned based on historical actuals.

WRALC awards in all small business program categories in fiscal 2003 marked the highest ever attained by the Center.

“You don’t achieve these record set-ting numbers without real teamwork among the stakeholders,” said Jim Lovett, small business office director. “My staff and I sincerely appreciate the leadership and support of the WRALC command section, and the yeoman efforts of contracting, the product direc-torates, civil engineering, and the acqui-

sition excellence staff. It is truly amazing for the Center to surpass its fiscal 2002 accomplishments, especially when those were also record setters.”

In reflecting on this achievement, Lovett recalls when Col. David Nakayama, then director of the Avionics Directorate, asked him to peel back the 2002 numbers to see which organizations fared well in small business program support and why.

“What we found in benchmarking our 2002 performance was the more success-ful organizations employed advanced planning, utilizing one or more aspects of the small business set-aside program and writing ordering type contractual vehi-cles which allowed them to quickly obligate funds when available,” said Lovett.

Market research was also key. Our early participation in the development of acquisition strategy, working with the directorates and the acquisition excel-lence folks in tailoring approaches using the small business program wherever possible, was instrumental.”

These findings were subsequently briefed to the command section and the product directors. The successful results for fiscal 2003 are evidence the message was heard.

According to Lovett, senior managers of many organizations were personally involved in program support, with some even visiting contractor facilities.

Additionally, civil engineering and the small business office met early in the fis-

cal year to review upcoming projects and target some for the 8(a) and HUBZone programs. Of the \$162.3 million award-ed to small disadvantaged businesses in fiscal 2003, \$132 million was through the 8(a) program. The 8(a) awards con-sisted of \$79 million in services con-tracts, \$26.5 million in manufacturing, and \$25.9 million in construction. Along with the upfront planning of program managers and engineers, Lovett cited the phenomenal efforts of the Contracting Directorate.

“Operational and central contracting were superb throughout the year, and they really came through during the last part of the fiscal year, when their work-load was especially heavy,” said Lovett.

In praising the outstanding support by the Center, Lovett is quick to point out the teamwork does not end inside the confines of the base gates.

“We couldn’t achieve our goals with-out capable small businesses to contract with. These firms play an important role in mission accomplishment. For exam-ple, during the year several product directorates advised us of a number of outstanding small businesses, including those whose contributions were part of Operation Iraqi Freedom,” Lovett said.

For the future, Lovett and his staff will continue the focus on synergy for achiev-ing success, looking to the product direc-torates and all involved in the acquisition process to foster opportunities for small businesses in providing support to the war fighter.

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they can be,” he said. “That lack of experience can lead to some very bad decisions.”

Sargent said in the past people have been known to try to feed alligators, bring their kids and their dogs right down to the water’s edge, and in two cases even rope alliga-tors.

“Needless to say they’re putting themselves and the alligators in serious danger,”

he said. “Alligators might easily consider small ani-mals, and even small chil-dren, a food source. These animals are a lot quicker than they look.”

Sargent said the serious-ness of an alligator bite is multiplied by the possibility of infection due to the bacte-ria-rich environment they live in.

“The risk of danger to the alligator from humans is just as real,” he said, “even the seemingly generous act of feeding them often has nega-

tive consequences for the ani-mal.”

“If an alligator is fed and associates humans with food it could begin approaching other humans. In an aggres-sive attempt to solicit food it might bite someone.”

Aside from the common-sense aspects of staying away from alligators, Sargent said there are legal aspects as well.

Base regulations forbid workers or residents from approaching alligators. Federal law also protects

them and prohibits feeding them.

In an effort to help sepa-rate alligators from humans, fences have been placed around drainage ditches and more will be enclosed in the future. Sargent said seeing an alligator at such locations on the base’s east side is not cause for alarm. But he said if one is seen crossing Beale Drive or coming into inhabit-ed areas or swimming in base lakes his office should be notified immediately at 926-1197 extension 119.

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Six Air Force facilities test for radium

By Tech. Sgt. Carl Norman
Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio - Initial test results at six Air Force facilities indicate employees are not at immediate risk from radioactive material left over from luminous paints used at the bases some 60 years ago.

The initial tests results are from buildings at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.; Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; the former Griffiss Air Force Base, N.Y.; Hill Air Force Base, Utah; Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.; and Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

More detailed tests will be conducted in the coming weeks by expert teams from the Air Force Institute for Operational Health from Brooks City-Base, Texas.

Officials are focusing on these six bases because of their history of using radium paint and repairing items coated with the radioactive substance during the World War II era. Experts are also checking the buildings for radon, a byproduct of radium decay.

There is no significant public exposure risk and the risk to the workers in the impacted buildings being surveyed is considered small, Air Force officials said.

“The health and safety of our people are a primary concern” said Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander. “We try to prevent health, safety and environmental issues from coming up, but on an installation with the size and scope of Robins, we’re going to see these issues from time to time. When they do come up, we try to respond promptly to people’s concerns and take the necessary corrective action.”

Radium is found naturally in the environment and was commonly used in luminous paints during the first half of the 20th century, Air Force officials said. The paint was applied to the faces of clocks, watches and gauges so airmen could see them in the dark.

The six-base examination comes as Air Force experts discovered levels of radium above naturally occurring levels in facilities at three now-closed bases: Kelly Air Force Base, Texas; McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.; and Norton Air Force Base, Calif. Radium levels in buildings at these former bases are not considered to be harmful. These buildings housed facilities where luminescent paint was once used.

After discovering the residual radium at the three closed installations, the Air Force Surgeon General’s office requested the Air Force Safety Center and Air Force Real Property Agency to conduct

a historical documents review to determine if any other Air Force facilities could be potentially contaminated with radium, officials said. The buildings at the six active-duty installations were identified because they’re structurally similar to former depot buildings that were known to house radium luminescent paint operations.

Officials said residual radium might still remain in the former painting facility’s sewer lines, along the bottoms of wooden walls and hidden areas where typical building workers are not likely to frequent. Most of the buildings have undergone multiple renovations since radium paint was last used and areas of use have been cleaned, covered or replaced; therefore, the risk of anyone coming in contact with residual radium is small, officials said.

Officials said base bioenvironmental engineers, civil engineers and the AFIOH teams from Brooks are conducting occupational health surveys at each location to determine if there is a risk to radiation due to residual radium and radon.

This investigation will assess occupational risks and recommend controls, if necessary. In addition, the results from this assessment will be used to help determine whether additional evaluation is needed.

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Flexitime to return at Robins Wednesday

By the Center Office of
Public Affairs

Robins Air Force Base management in conjunction with American Federation of Government Employees 987 has reached a temporary agreement to return flexitime to those organizations which were authorized flexitime prior to Sept. 11, 2001, in accordance with AFI 36-807, RAFB Sup 1, dated April 16, 2001. Starting Wednesday, the

base will run a two week test to determine if flexitime will generate significant delays in entry onto the base. The test period can be extended in 30-day increments for a total of 60 days. If at the end of 74 days there are no significant problems identified, the authorization will no longer be considered temporary.

A delay of 10 minutes would be considered acceptable; however delays in excess of 15 minutes would be con-

sidered a serious problem that could result in the termination of the test and a return to current operation under Battle Staff Directive 99 or a new revised edition.

The current flexitime policy requires employees to report between 7 - 9 a.m. with a minimum of a 30 minute lunch period between the hours of 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and depart between 3:30 - 6 p.m.

All employees are required to work the core hours

between 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Under this agreement the Maintenance Directorate will remain on their current fixed schedule

Additional details and procedures for flexitime may be found at <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/imweb/sups/36/36-807s1.pdf>, Atch 5 of the local supplement. If you have any questions on this matter you should direct them to your next level management officials.

Chief Master Sergeant selectees

Kevin W.J. Perkins,
WR-ALC/FM

Nathaniel J. Baker, 78th
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Dan Red Cloud, 78th
Civil Engineer Squadron

Kevin D. Inskeep, 116th
Maintenance Operations
Squadron

Kevin P. Beck, 116th
Maintenance Squadron

Kevin B. Hamilton,
116th Aircraft Maintenance
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John P. Moffo Jr., 5th
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First in a three part series

Dual military couples tell how they make it work Against all odds

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Dual military couples share not only a commitment to each other, but also a commitment to service.

An estimated 35,495 enlisted Air Force servicemembers and 7,200 Air Force officers are in marriages with partners from the Armed Forces' five service branches, according to Air Force Personnel headquarters' August 2003 Enlisted Demographics study.

There are reportedly 603 enlisted servicemembers and 133 officers in dual military marriages at Robins.

As many couples could attest, marriage isn't truly marriage without its ups and downs.

And marriages involving a military husband and wife aren't marriages that last through temporary duties, lengthy deployments and other challenges faced by even the most average marriage, without two people as committed to each other as they're committed to serving their country.

Even though challenges present potential roadblocks, dual military couples at Robins are working solutions that help them stay on the road to happily ever after.

How they met

They met and fell in love like any other couple. But these couples share not only their last names, but also their service.

Staff Sgts. Christopher and Stephanie McCleskey, both with the 78th Security Forces Squadron, met when Chris spotted his wife of nearly three years, getting out of a patrol car while stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

"When we met, I was working A shift, and Chris worked the B shift," she said. "We used to pick on each other at shift change. With cops, it's whose uniform looks better, whose boots are shinier? That's when the flirting began."

Soon after they met, their courtship experienced its first obstacle - a temporary duty assignment that sent Chris to the desert.

"Chris went TDY shortly after we met, so we kept in touch over e-mail," she said. "It actually made it easier to get to know each other without all the superficial things like 'I hope my hair looks OK' getting in the way."

When the two reunited, they found a strengthened relationship - and before long, the 23-year-old New Yorker married her 26-year-old southern gentleman from Alabama, a day before Valentine's Day.

Capt. Mark LaDrew, with the 99th Air Refueling Squadron, and 2nd Lt. Camille LaDrew, with the 78th Logistics Readiness



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp



Clockwise from top: Maj. Barbara and David Omstead hold daughters Cecilia, 2, and Katharine, 4, in front of their house. Capt. Mark LaDrew and 2nd Lt. Camille LaDrew smile as they stand in front of a KC-135. Staff Sgts. Christopher and Stephanie McCleskey walk with their son Calloway, 1. Tech Sgts. Roderic and Claudia Lowe stand together outside of Building 215. There are reportedly 603 enlisted servicemembers and 133 officers in dual military marriages at Robins.

Squadron, found each other in cyberspace when Camille was surfing the Net late one night in November 1998.

"I wasn't looking for love," she said. "I was looking for someone to talk 'shop' with, Air Force stuff - and I found Mark."

Mark, a 28-year-old Fort Worth, Texas native, commissioned Camille, a 25-year-old Tampa, Fla. native, as an officer four years to the day after he was commissioned.

Married four years, the LaDrews have experienced more than their fair share of deployments - spending only one of their four wedding anniversaries together.

"Sometimes, it's hard to see each other with conflicting schedules," Camille said. "But we make it work, and see each other as much as possible."

Dual military marriages

sometimes require more 'give and take' than the typical civilian marriage.

Majs. Barbara and David Omstead have shared a decade of 'give and take' - recently spending 21 months stationed apart.

"It takes up a lot of time (being both military)," he said. "We're both very dedicated to our jobs. When we found out Barbara was pregnant with Katherine, we knew one of us had to get out of the Air Force (active duty). So, I left active duty in May 1999, and joined the reserves."

Barbara, assistant operations officer for the 330th Combat Training Squadron, and David, an evaluator and senior director in the 970th Air Control Squadron, met as friends in the late '80s when both were stationed in Germany and fell in love

months later.

"I was his commander during Operation Desert Storm," she explained. "That's when he decided he was going to marry me. Even though we weren't dating or anything, it was just something he knew."

After the Gulf War, the Omsteads' friendship took a romantic turn that eventually led them down the aisle in November 1993.

"We had to move our wedding date eight times because either I was gone or she was gone," he said. "We spent only three weeks together during our first year of marriage."

The newlyweds wrote more than 150 letters to bridge the distance.

Tech Sgts. Roderic and Claudia Lowe (who requested their ages not be printed) came together in Azores,



Join Spouse program keeps couples together

By Holly J. Logan
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If you're a servicemember and you're pondering the idea of marrying a military member, your first stop after the chapel should be the 78th Military Personnel Flight office, said Tech. Sgt. Matthew Ogle.

Join Spouse is a U.S. Armed Forces program that helps dual military couples increase their chances of being stationed together.

Ogle, noncommissioned officer in charge for 78th MPF's Outbound Assignments and Relocations, said while there's no guarantee couples will be assigned together, the Join Spouse Program boasts a 98 percent success rate Air Force-wide of helping dual military couples get stationed together or in near proximity of each other.

For the Join Spouse Program to work for couples, Ogle said they must come by his office and update their personnel file.

"As soon as the couple gets married, they need to come by Military Personnel Flight's customer service office and allow our professionals to walk them through the system to update their codes," he said. "The code is necessary for the Air Force Personnel Center to match couples for pending assignments."

Join Spouse preference codes are established as follows: B, desire join spouse to continental United States or any accompanied overseas location; H, Join Spouse assignment not desired, if one couple selects this code the other automatically chooses it as well.

Servicemembers aren't eligible if their spouse is a U.S. reservist or guardsman, but not serving on extended active duty, a U.S. Coast Guard member, a civil service employee; or if he or she doesn't meet all permanent change of station criteria established in AFI36-2110.

Ogle said he encourages servicemembers to work together on their career dream sheets to help his office help them turn those dreams into a shared reality.

"It's easy to do, and only takes about an hour to complete," he said. "It's really important that people get this done. It makes it a lot easier for us to help you find assignments together."

The program has been a success for dual military spouse couples at Robins, said Ogle.

Even for members who have to apply after one or the other have been notified of a pending assignment, Ogle and the staff will assist them in formatting the proper request to the Air Force Personnel Center to request that the couple be assigned together.

If one partner with the proper join spouse code in the system is selected for an assignment, their spouse will be placed with the servicemember, if manning allows, Ogle explained.

AFPC makes every effort to place couples together where manning for each Air Force Specialty Code is needed most, he said.

Ogle said his best advice to offer dual military spouse couples is to take action to stay together.

"Run as fast as you can to our office and update your code in 78th MPF's customer service," he said. "The system is there to support our troops, if we utilize it."

What to know

For more information on the Join Spouse Program, contact Tech. Sgt. Matthew Ogle in the Military Personnel Flight at 327-7345 or visit 78th MPF in Building 905, Suite 217, 2nd floor.

Portugal, despite a near detour.

"I had completed my tour (as choir director) and was ready to leave for Buckley Air Force Base, Colo., when Roderic was coming in," she said. "He sang in the choir. I was supposed to leave in December, but I cancelled my orders and stayed another year so we could be together."

Both previously married with children, Roderic, an aerospace ground equipment craftsman for the 116th Maintenance Squadron, and Claudia, noncommissioned officer in charge for the 78th Communications Squadron

Help Desk, joined not only their hearts, but also their families when they married in November 2001.

"I used to say I'd never marry a military person, but that was when I was married to a civilian," Roderic said. "I thought I'd prefer someone that could be there and take care of my house (when I couldn't be). But being married military to military, you can work through things together and understand each other a whole lot more."

And like other life-long partners, dual military couples face challenges along the way.

Airmen win \$6,000 in scholarships from services agency

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Staff Sgt. Michael Saltzman, Air Force Ground Support Equipment field liaison, and Capt. Derek Salmi, KC-135 pilot, receive Air Force Services Agency 2003 Air Force Club Membership Scholarship checks from Col. Tom Smoot, 78th Air Base Wing commander, Oct. 29.

According to Smoot, the airmen were selected in the top six of an Air Force wide pool of 114 essay writers vying for \$25,000 in scholarship money.

Club members and their families were given the opportunity to submit a 500-word essay at their home base on Air Force Clubs-Help Us Make "Members First." Two essays

were chosen by each participating base to compete for the six Air Force awards.

Salmi who came in fourth place was awarded a check for \$3,500 and Saltzman who came in 6th place \$2,500.

Both airmen said they are proud recipients.

"I am ecstatic about it," said Saltzman. This is going to help out tremendously with my tuition."

"I think this is a great program and it's definitely for a good cause - higher education," said Salmi.

Salmi is pursuing his master's degree in History at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, and Saltzman is pursuing a degree in Aeronautical Science from Emery-Riddle University.



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Capt. Derek Salmi, left photo, and Staff Sgt. Michael Saltzman, right photo, receive Air Force Services Agency 2003 Air Force Club Membership Scholarship checks from Col. Tom Smoot, 78th Air Base Wing commander, Oct. 29.

Cross-training enhances service to FSC customers

By Chris Zdrakas
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The Family Support Center has begun a transformation journey that will evolve into a cross-trained staff equipped to support customers across a full spectrum of center services.

When the staff completes its transformation, each staff professional will be fully qualified to conduct needs assessments and consultations to offer the entire range of services available through the center. Customers won't have to see multiple professionals in the center for various programs and the system of delivering services will become more efficient.

Another plus is that with the new system, each unit on base will have an assigned representative, who will have regularly scheduled visitation times with the unit.

"The concept driving the change is to provide better customer assistance," Family Support Center director Christine Parker said. "New missions keep coming to Family Support Centers, and with the stovepiped (specialized-focus professionals) way

of doing business, new missions are difficult at best to perform."

She said the center last spring launched a cross-training program, the start of converting its staff to positions known as "work, life professionals." Staff members are training each other now, and in the future, some will be sent to special training sites.

"The Family Support Center has been put here to help our community cope with the stresses of the military lifestyle. Our mission has taken on a greater sense of urgency because of operations overseas," Parker said. "In order to provide the level of services that kind of environment demands, we had to make some radical changes."

Parker and her staff – two team leaders, four consultants and six specialists – serve a potential 60,000 people, including active-duty military members, family members, civilians and retirees.

Consulting services include transition and employment assistance, relocation assistance, personal financial management, information and referral, individual and family readiness, family life education and Air Force aid.

Anyone with questions or concerns or who would like to meet with a work life consultant or specialist may contact Parker at 926-1256.



Parker

Luncheon honors Operation Stork volunteers

By Holly J. Logan
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Wednesday's luncheon was a small token of appreciation for the warmth Operation Stork crochet volunteers give first-time parents, said Diane Thielemann.

The luncheon, held at the Family Support Center Annex, in Building 945, honored the program's 17 volunteers - including servicemembers, civilians and Houston County Crochet Club members - who donate countless hours to crochet baby blankets for first-time military parents.

"These blankets are gifts of love from very special people," said Thielemann, work/life specialist at the Family Support Center. "The luncheon is our way of saying thank you to these special people."

Glenda Crocker, crochet club member for 10 years, has been a volunteer for the program for a year.

"I just love being able to help out," she said. "It's nice being able to help new parents. They didn't have to have a luncheon, but I certainly appreciate it."

What to know

Operation Stork is a program that gives first-time military parents a layette gift and homemade crocheted baby blanket to help welcome their new arrival. For more information, contact Diane Thielemann at 926-3453.

Another volunteer, Darlene Koske, made blankets for the Family Support Center in the '80s.

"They needed volunteers this year so I got back into it," she said. "I feel like I've accomplished something. Hopefully somebody has gotten some enjoyment out of it."

In addition, Operation Stork provides new parents with a layette filled with needed items for babies newborn to three months old. More than eight blankets and layettes are given each month at Robins.

Thielemann said the FSC does all they can to help new parents carry their new responsibility.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Volunteers Darlene Koske, left, and Glenda Crocker show off one of the crocheted baby blankets from the Operation Stork program.

Chapel lines up pros to lead parenting workshop

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The Robins Chapel will bring in the pros to lead a free two-day workshop for parents Nov. 21 and 22 at the Enlisted Club.

Authors Dr. Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller will be the keynote speakers at the workshop designed to help people unlock the mysteries of effective parenting.

The program is non-denominational, and registration is required. To sign up, call the chapel at 926-2821 or

drop by the chapel before Nov. 16.

Turansky and Miller are both authors, parents and public speakers. Turansky and his wife, Joanna, use drama, practical stories and examples to teach biblical principles of parenting. Miller, a pediatric nurse for 18 years, and her husband, Ed, joined the Turanskys in forming a non-profit organization, Effective Parenting, in 1992.

A family dinner at the Enlisted Club will kick off the sessions Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. Sessions will continue the fol-

lowing day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The chapel has arranged for childcare on the second day of the workshop. Children are invited to the session and dinner the night before.

Other speakers will be Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dan Nigolian, Robins' installation chaplain; Patricia Hutson, guidance counselor at Miller Magnet Middle School, Macon; Leonard "Duke" Wellington, retired Air Force colonel who teaches high school geology; and Ron Johnson, retired Air force captain and programmer-analyst

at Robins. Johnson holds a master's of divinity degree from Assemblies of God Theological Seminary.

The sessions, which will involve parental participation, are:

- Secrets to Effective Parenting: The Foundation for the Home and the Family"
- Parenting Basics for Strong Families"
- Children, Even Teens, Need to be Seen and Heard"
- Eighteen Years to Educate"
- Portrait of a Strong Family"

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Martin offers thanks for hospitality

Ladies and gentlemen of Team Robins, I wanted to pass along my appreciation for the hospitality I received on my recent visit. General Wetekam told me I would be impressed with Team Robins, and he was correct. During my visit I met with program managers, officers, depot maintenance personnel, enlisted troops, Air Force civilians, and community leaders and I must say that I am thoroughly impressed at the intensity of your combined focus on delivering combat capability to the warfighter. Your commitment and ability to get the job done is evidenced by the record-breaking delivery of 23 C-5s in ‘03 and your increased on-



Martin

time deliveries using Lean initiatives. As an F-4 and F-15 pilot and as the former United States Air Forces Europe commander for three and a half years, I witnessed first hand the importance of your work to the pilots in the field and the United States. In the past four years, your Air Force has conducted operations in the Balkans, Afghanistan and Iraq. In each case, the C-17s, C-141s and C-5s you produced built

the air bridge to move the troops and supplies into position. Once combat began, the work of Warner Robins gave our people the edge in combat: transports kept the troops supplied, MC-130s inserted special operations forces deep behind enemy lines, F-15Es attacked enemy forces fighting our ground troops, and ALQ-131 jamming pods and ALE-40 chaff & flare dispensers defended our pilots from enemy surface-to-air missiles. The results

speak for themselves! During my visit I met some of the people who made those combat successes possible. For well over 60 years, the Robins team has successfully accomplished the daunting task of maintaining a constantly aging aircraft fleet and delivering war-winning capability to the United States. I know the team just closed the C-141 line after 37 years of depot maintenance, but there will be plenty of challenges ahead

for the Robins team. Each of you can and should take pride in being a part of a team vital to our military and to our nation. Your commitment and hard work is appreciated. Again, thanks for the hospitality. I am glad to be part of the Robins team and I’m proud to be your commander.

Gen. Greg Martin
Commander, Air Force Materiel Command

Nov. 11: Honoring veterans of all conflicts

By Diane Truluck
Deputy Center Historian

On Nov. 11, 1918, the “War to end all Wars” - World War I - ended with an armistice at 11 a.m. Three years later, an American soldier, veteran of that war, was buried in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery, Arlington, Va., outside Washington, D.C. The English and French also buried soldiers in their highest places of honor. By their actions, these allies marked the official armistice that ended hostilities in World War I on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. By 1926, the United States Congress officially designated Nov. 11 Armistice Day. It took 12 years for Congress to proclaim the date a national holiday. If the “War to end all Wars” had been truly that, then the day might have continued to be known as Armistice Day. But within five years, the Japanese invaded China. Two years later the Third Reich rolled into Poland, and on Dec. 7, 1941, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. A second World War had begun. During the War, Macon would scale back its usual Armistice Day festivities, replacing parades that showcased the military might of Middle Georgia. But, in 1941, Col. Charles E. Thomas, who two days earlier activated the Southeastern Air Depot at Wellston, led the 4th Air Depot Group, who were

under his temporary command. With participants from the training facility at Camp Wheeler, the military was represented in the parade by 2,000 men and 160 vehicles. In the subsequent years of war, parade sponsors cancelled that event, although World War I veterans continued to meet at the Macon Courthouse and marched to the 151st Machine Gun Battalion monument on Coleman Hill for an annual ceremony. Fund raisers for war orphans and disabled veterans and war bond rallies replaced the annual Victory Ball. By 1944, the mood was more somber than ever. Armistice Day observances included special church services. Members of Sons of the Legion placed flags on all the soldiers’ graves in the city. At Robins Field, there was a formal review of the troops in the morning, but it was a full workday for civilian and military personnel, who paused for a minute at 11 a.m. for a silent prayer. A mass was held for the military personnel at the same hour in Post Chapel No. 1. In 1945, with the fighting of World War II barely over, Armistice Day turned into a quiet, prayerful observance, replacing the enthusiastic street celebrations that occurred at the end of World War I. The veterans of both Wars were honored, and 21,000 poppies were sold to raise funds to aid them. But the American Legion made no plans to officially

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observe the day. During World War II, 16.5 million Americans had fought and 407,000 of them died. World War II ended in Europe on May 8, 1945, after the capture of Berlin, and in Asia on Sept. 2, 1945, with the formal surrender of the Japanese. On June 25, 1950, North Korea invaded South Korea, and President Truman sent American troops to fight with the South Koreans against the Communist North. Participation in the conflict continued for three years and ended on July 27, 1953, with the signing of yet another armistice. Finally, in 1954, U.S. Representative Edwin K. Rees of Kansas proposed “Change Armistice Day to Veterans Day and make it an occasion to honor those who have served America in all wars.” It made perfect sense. America had seen two wars since it began celebrating the end of World War I. The resolution changing the day’s theme to honoring the veterans of all conflicts sped through Congress, and President Eisenhower signed the bill that proclaimed Nov. 11 Veterans Day. The first Veterans Day in Middle Georgia featured naturalization ceremonies for nearly 100 persons from 23 foreign countries, with participation of individuals from many local organizations, as well as a complete color guard of Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps representatives. Marine veterans, marking 179 years of service to America, celebrated it with a special Iwo Jima Veterans Day. Federal, state and many local offices were closed. Members of the Rainbow Division held a business meeting at the courthouse, and then gathered at

11 a.m. for their annual memorial service at Coleman Hill. An Air Force News Service article published in the Oct. 29, 1954, Robins Rev-Up reported the change in the focus of Veterans Day to be peace. The day continued to observe the moment of silence at 11 a.m., but that moment now memorialized all the veterans. At Robins Field Nov. 5, 3,000 poppies were offered for sale. On Memorial Day in 1958, two unidentified Americans who died in World War II and the Korean War joined their World War I brother-in-arms in the place their presence now made “The Tomb of the Unknowns.” A fourth unknown, from the Vietnam War, joined them in 1984. In tribute to all America’s war dead, an Army honor guard from the 3rd U.S. Infantry keeps an around-the-clock watch. In 1968, Congress passed a law that changed the national observance of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. Recognizing the importance of the date to most Americans, in 1978, Congress returned the observance to the original date. The national observance of Veterans Day has focused on ceremonies in the memorial amphitheater built around the Tomb of the Unknowns. At 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, a color guard representing all military services “Present Arms.” The laying of the wreath by the President symbolizes the nation’s tribute to its war dead. The bugler plays “Taps.” World War II changed the way Armistice Day was observed, from exuberant patriotic displays, to quieter contemplation of the cost of war. At the end of the Battle of Britain in 1941, Winston Churchill, speaking of the Royal Air Force, told the people of Britain that “Never in the course of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few.” No less can be said of the men, and now women, who serve and have served in the United States military in times of war and of peace. The sacrifice and the life’s blood of those who gave what President Abraham Lincoln called “their last full measure of devotion” (Gettysburg Address, November 1863) in the armed services of the United States purchased the freedom that every American enjoys. The cost of freedom is high - often it seems that it is too high. Almost . . . In January 1961, in his inaugural address, President John Kennedy reminded the world what Americans consider their freedom to be worth it. He said, “Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty.” So it is on Veterans Day we pause to remember those who paid the price, who bore the burden, who met the hardship, who gave the last full measure. We can do no less than this.

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the

Commander’s Action Line

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Commander,
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Col. Tom Smoot
Commander,
78th Air Base Wing

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Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

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Swimmers want to use pool five days a week

We swimmers like to swim five times a week, just as some people like using the gym facilities five times a week. The pool is down to two lifeguards, and I understand that there is some discussion about not hiring a replacement for the life-

guard that just left. This morning, a Tuesday, each lane was occupied from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m., and this is when there are fewer people exercising in the gym. Thanks.

Col. Smoot replies: Thanks for your call. We are actively pursuing hiring additional lifeguards to replace the guard who recently left. The hiring requirement for lifeguards includes testing, which lengthens the normal process. Although early

morning swim time is not available five days a week, the pool is open for lap swimming six days a week. We are aware that swimmers use the pool on Tuesday mornings; however, the usage was lower on Tuesday and Thursday compared to Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We based the change in pool hours on the usage rate.

My point of contact is Robert Willis, Aquatics director. He can be reached at 926-4001.

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Environmental Management wins big

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The Environmental Management Directorate recently added two more feathers to its cap with a double win from the 2003 Air Force Materiel Command Gen. Thomas D. White Environmental awards.

According to EM officials, the wins came in the form of the restoration award for team excellence and the pollution prevention award.

Steve Coyle, EM director, said while the awards come in the midst of A-76 transition, Center reorganization and other challenges the directorate is extremely

proud of the continued acknowledgement of its excellence.

“This is the sixth time since 1993 that Robins has won the Pollution Prevention award,” he said. “I want to emphasize this is installation-wide recognition and a direct result of the cooperation of the product directorates, especially MA (Maintenance Directorate), in allowing new processes, materials and equipment to be tested and implemented.”

Coyle said just as impressive, the restoration award, the second



Coyle

in three years, recognizes their aggressive cleanup program accomplished without disrupting flying or maintenance operations.

Fred Hursey, Restoration and Resources Division chief, attributes the restoration award to forward thinking.

“We are 10 years ahead of Air Force goals for remediating soil and groundwater contamination at Robins,” he said. “Cleanup action has already been completed on nearly three-fourths of the sites, and the Groundwater Treatment Plant consistently operates without incident and has been recognized for “Outstanding Operation” of a groundwater remediation facility for three of the past four years by

the Georgia Water and Pollution Control Association. Robins continues to be a leader in the Air Force restoration program, and it’s nice to receive recognition for our efforts.”

Linda Larson, Environmental Quality Division Environmental Protection specialist, said she couldn’t be more pleased that the command recognized EM’s base-wide efforts.

“We’ve had a great year for pollution prevention projects at Robins,” she said, “everything from a bullet trap to capture lead for recycling, construction of a compost facility, additional alternative fueled vehicles added to our fleet, wastewater reduction pro-

jects, to a new main gate and visitors center with a requirement for a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ‘Green Building’ certification. It all results in cleaner air, land and water for Robins and our local community.”

Other accomplishments that contributed to the wins include developing the first functional compliance site inventory system in Air Force Materiel Command, showing a 99.98 percent reduction in key ozone depleting substances, conserving essential wildlife habitat, rehabilitating wetland areas and more.

Following this command win, Robins will now compete at the Air Force level.

Tops in Blue comes to civic center Nov. 16

78th Services Division

Tops in Blue, the entertainment showcase of the United States Air Force, will perform Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Warner Robins Civic Center.

“The 2003 edition of Tops in Blue, ‘Soaring with Eagles,’ is a musical celebration guaranteed to captivate the entire audience,” said Cheryl Dollard, Smith Community Center director. “Just as Tops in Blue has been energizing audiences around the world for 50 years, this year’s show will certainly please all the fans, young and old.”

Tops in Blue will perform a free, 90-minute show, taking the audience on a musical journey celebrating 50 years of Air Force entertainment and 100 years of powered flight.

The show “Soaring with

What to know

Tops in Blue will perform Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Warner Robins Civic Center. They will perform a free, 90-minute show.

Eagles,” is a musical celebration of their proud entertainment history. As always, Tops in Blue entertainers will celebrate with music that captures their history, and our American heritage.

Tops in Blue will revisit favorite songs from the past five decades. The ‘60s and ‘70s come alive with some oldies but goodies from the Supremes, Tina Turner’s “Proud Mary,” and the Village People’s ever-popular “YMCA.” They will also perform favorite hits from Gloria Estefan, MC Hammer, Boyz II Men, Ricky Martin

and Marky Mark. The night’s entertainment builds to the stirring medley that embraces the Soaring with Eagles theme.

To celebrate the 50-year milestone, AT&T will award 1,000 call-minutes and First Command will give away two \$200 Army and Air Force Exchange Service gift certificates.

“This year is indeed a milestone in the history of the program and the history of the Air Force. We plan to celebrate with our fans by performing some of our all-time favorite songs. It’s the music which reflects the true essence of Tops in Blue, and it’s what we do best,” said Tom Edwards, the show’s producer.

Shuttle buses will leave the Smith Community Center parking lot at 6:15 p.m. For more information call Cheryl Dollard at 926-2105.



U.S. Air Force file photo

Tops in Blue perform a musical number before an audience last year. They will perform a free concert Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Warner Robins Civic Center.

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ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

Thank a Vet run

The Air Force Association “Thank-a-Vet” run and POW/MIA heroes memorial display will take place Saturday at the Museum of Aviation Robins Air Force Base Course. Check-in time is 7:30 a.m., and picture identification is required. The run will begin at 8:30 a.m. Participants can either do a 5-kilometer run or a 1-mile run, walk. Pre-registration is \$15, which includes the cost of a T-shirt and refreshments. Cost for registration the day of the event is \$20. For more information, visit www.CV-AFA.org

Veterans Day Parade

The first Warner Robins Veterans Day Parade will be Tuesday. The parade will form at the old Houston Mall at 8:30 a.m. and proceed east on Watson Boulevard to City Hall. Sen. Saxby Chambliss; Congressman Jim Marshall; and retired Brig. Gen. Jim Sehorn have been invited to attend. After the ceremonies, participants in the parade are invited to VFW Post 6605 at 1011 Corder Rd. for an appreciation cookout. For more information, contact the Post Home at 922-2154.

Chiefs Challenge - Fun Run/Walk

The Robins Chiefs Group will have a Chiefs Challenge - Fun Run/Walk Thursday.

Sign-up for the event will begin at noon at Friendship Park Pavilion and the run will start at 1:30 p.m. There will be free T-shirts and goodie bags for all participants who collect at least \$30 in pledges. To get a pledge sheet, contact Chief Master Sgt. Greg Harris at 327-0599. Cash prizes will be awarded to the participant collecting the most donations as well as to fastest male and female runner in three differ-

ent age categories. Age categories will be 29 and under, 30 to 39, 40 and over. There is also a traveling trophy awarded to the organization collecting the most donations. All proceeds for this event will be used by the Chiefs Group to support enlisted personnel and their families at Robins.

OSC luncheon

Mary Ingram, jewelry artist and owner of Peach

State Gem & Mineral, will be at the Officers’ Spouses Club luncheon Nov. 20. She will be designing some jewelry and offering it to members.

Hail and Farewell

A Hail and Farewell, conducted by Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, Center commander, will be Nov. 21 at 4 p.m. in the Officers’ Club ballroom. Spouses are invited to attend the event and fellowship that follows. For more

information, contact Capt. Rob Kurtz, WR-ALC/LE, at 926-7963 extension 139 or by e-mail at robert.kurtz@robins.af.mil; or Capt. Carrie Solorzano at 472-1605 or by e-mail at carrie.solorzano@robins.af.mil.

Dental assistant volunteers needed

The 78th Dental Squadron is currently seeking trained Red Cross Dental Assistant volunteers to join our dental

team. Individuals interested in updating their technical skills or just looking to volunteer need to contact Master Sgt. Randy Wehrung at 327-8084.

Boy Scout Troop 220

Boy Scout Troop 220 meets every Tuesday night from 7 to 8:30 at 1082 Hawkinsville St. For more information, call Mary Pangborn at 929-5742 or Dennis Collier at 953-8124.

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Veterans of wars past, future soldiers as well as civilians from around Middle Georgia were able to experience something much bigger than themselves Oct. 31 through Nov. 2, during the Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall Experience display. The traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. may be only a fraction of the size of the original, but holds the same meaning for hundreds of thousands of veterans. During its three-day visit to Middle Georgia hundreds viewed the wall. To learn more about local veterans and their experiences see next week's Rev-Up for stories of veterans from World War II to Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Above, Wendy Jones and her son, Caleb, 2, look at some of the names of Americans who served. Top, the Bibb County postmaster unveils the new Vietnam Veterans Memorial stamp.



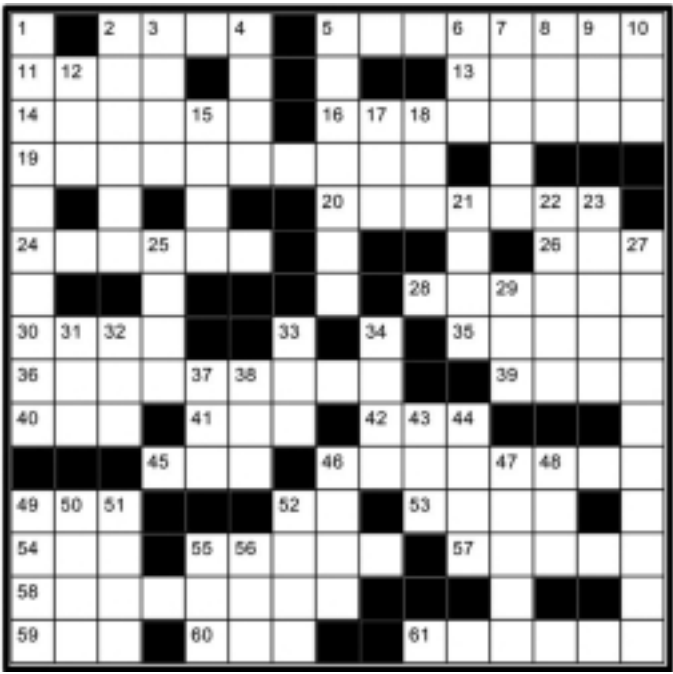
Above, Middle Georgia high schools, veterans groups and other organizations present wreaths during the opening ceremony.

Right, Melinda Hagy makes a rubbing for her grandfather.

Far right, Airman 1st Class D. Preston Stelick, 330th Combat Training Squad, salutes during the national anthem.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Native American History Month
By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

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2. Bosnian stabilization force (abbrev.)

5. Last name of 1 DOWN

11. Ancient Peruvian civilization

13. Fable writer

14. Cherokee Indian War Medal of Honor recipient Charles ____

16. Winnebago India War Medal of Honor recipient Mitchell ____

19. First Native American astronaut John Bennett _____

20. Wild animals of Asia

24. Chickasaw Indian Medal of Honor recipient Raymond ____

26. Continued (abbrev.)

28. Native American tribe who performed service of 27 DOWN

30. Behind

35. Weapon stand with two legs

36. Shoshone woman who accompanied Lewis & Clark

39. Get (two words)

40. Military team to FEMA (abbrev.)

41. Dread

42. Italian three

45. Buck Roger; ____ Gerard

46. North central Native American tribe

49. Explosive

52. Tail marking for 12 FTW aircraft

53. Designer Christian

54. Landmark court ruling ____ vs. Wade

55. First Native American to graduate from US Naval Academy

57. Southeast Native American tribe

58. Pima Indian at Mt. Surabachi flag raising (two words)

59. Even for the course

60. Military pay statement

61. 19th Cen. Seneca chief Ely S. ____;
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1. Middle name of USAF Korean War vet/US Senator

2. Someone who makes points in a game

3. M*A*S*H's Klinger

4. The Bachelorette star

5. Boxes

6. Lobbying group (abbrev.)

7. Southern dame

8. Military person responsible for education (abbrev.)

9. Yankee great ____ Gehrig

10. Marine Corps ship (abbrev.)

12. Formerly

15. Slack

17. Period

18. Building block of evolution

21. Clutch

22. Harvests

23. Idaho river

25. Designer Wang

27. Subject of Cage movie Windtalker

29. 7 in ancient times

31. Piece of corn

32. Performance

33. Due

34. Add and subtract subject

37. ____ lai

38. Pointed tool

43. Eliminate

44. Saga

46. Vehicles

47. Someone who serves liquid refreshments

48. Before

49. Fall

50. Grammy winner Jones

51. Rip

52. Actor Charlotte and Mime Nola

55. Baseball great ____ Ripken, Jr.

56. Chemical NaOH

For puzzle solution, see Nov. 14 edition of the Rev-Up

Puzzle solution for Oct. 31



CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and

contemporary worship styles in music and in format.

Protestant Inspirational Services take place every Sunday at 8 a.m.

Protestant Contemporary Services take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary

styles of music and worship.

Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the synagogue in Macon.

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is each Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

The chapel helps with any spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops and seminars are open to all Team Robins employees and their eligible family members. The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Building 794. For additional information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

negotiable, including how to and when not to factor in benefits packages. Strategies and tips are provided to assist in overcoming your discomfort and empower applicants in gaining a better salary.

Federal resume writing class

The Center's Transition Assistance Program will conduct a Federal Resume Writing class Thursday, 1:30 - 4 p.m., Building 905, Room 138.

The class is aimed at helping military personnel prepare a better document to meet the specific and unique requirements when applying for federal employment.

Advanced registration is required.

Jr. Smooth move

The Center's Relocation Assistance Program has a workshop for kids of military and DoD civilians on the move.

Center closed

The Family Support Center and Family Services loan closet and Airman's Attic will be closed Tuesday in observance of Veterans Day. Normal services will resume Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.

Salary negotiation class

A Salary Negotiation class will be conducted Thursday, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Building 905, Room 139.

This session is designed to assist you in an overview of how to determine your worth and know if the salary is

SERVICES BRIEFS

Base Restaurant 926-6972

The base restaurant will offer a customer appreciation Thanksgiving meal Nov. 13 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dine at the main restaurant or purchase a meal at one of the snack bars or mobile trucks. Meal includes turkey, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, giblet gravy, roll, cranberry sauce and a 12 ounce tea for \$2.50.

A carry-out special is available to include a 15 pounds turkey, 8 pounds of cornbread dressing, half-pan of mashed potatoes, half-pan of green beans, one quart of giblet gravy and one quart of cranberry sauce for \$45.95. Orders will be taken Monday - Nov. 21. To place an order or for more information, call 926-3031 or 926-6972.

Civilian Recreation 922-4415

Watch the movie "The Lion King" at Robins Park Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. (or dark). Moviegoers are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets to this free event. Concessions will be on sale. For more information, call Lynne Brackett at 922-4415.

Outdoor Recreation 926-4001

Lease any boat in stock for two weeks for the price of two days during the month of November.

Take a base safety course and rent an Artic Cat for \$60 a day. Rent on a Friday and get the weekend for a one-day charge.

To take advantage of reduced weekend rates, check out the equipment any time after 10 a.m. on Fridays. For more information on the weekend rates, call 926-4001 or stop by Building 914.

Pizza Depot 926-0188/0189

National Men Make Dinner month is here. Order a large meat lovers for \$10 from 6 - 9 p.m. For delivery only.

Skills Development Center 926-5282

Art demonstrations will be conducted at the Smith

Community Center Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Leslie Hoops-Wallace and Allan Carey will be painting and answering questions about skills center classes.

Smith Community Center 926-2105

A Family and Teen Talent contest will be held in the Smith Community Center Saturday at 7 p.m. This event is open to the entire Robins community. Admission is free.

Wynn Dining Facility 926-6596

All active duty and retired military members and their families are invited to a traditional Thanksgiving meal at Wynn Dining Facility. The meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 27. Items will be priced a la carte plus a surcharge on the total meal. Spouse and dependent children of active duty enlisted members in pay grades E-1 through E-4 are not required to pay the surcharge. Subsistence in kind enlisted members will not pay for their meals, but their family members and guests will pay the standard rate. Military members who do not live in the dorms are asked to notify the dining hall no later than Nov. 24 if planning to dine so food may be prepared accordingly. For a look at the menu, visit the Services Web Site at www.robins.af.mil/services and go to Food Service and click on the Thanksgiving Menu.

Youth Center 926-2110

Dance classes will be held by Elena Probeigolora-Werkheiser on Tuesdays from 4 - 7 p.m., Wednesdays from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 4 - 6 p.m. Cost is \$30 per month and is open to ages 4 to adult.

Youth members receive special benefits from the Membership Matters program simply by showing their membership card. Each month different specials in various Services Division facilities will be offered to Youth program members. For more details call 926-2110 or visit the youth center, Building 1021.

LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.

Celia L. Vinterella, MAAAA. The point of contact is Kathy Fairfield at 926-5930.


Sally Scales, HQ AFRC/CEOG. The point of contact is Tina Beck at 327-1041.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Angela Trunzo by fax at 926-9597, or e-mail at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

MOVIE SCHEDULE


Friday
7:30 p.m. – Underworld – Kate Beckinsale and Scott Speedman

Selena, a chic vampire, exists solely to slaughter a band of Lycans were-wolves her clan has been battling for centuries. But things become complicated when she falls in love with an emerging wolf. Rated R (strong violence, gore, some language) 121 minutes



Saturday
7:30 p.m. – The Fighting Temptations – Cuba Gooding Jr. and Beyonce Knowles

Cuba, a smooth New York and executive, loses his job and has nowhere to turn. His luck changes, when he discovers he's going to receive a nice inheritance from a wealthy aunt who recently died. But when he returns to his hometown in Alabama to collect the cash, he uncovers the catch: First he must organize a successful gospel choir. That's easier said than sung, because he can't find any talented singers until he meets sultry jazz singer Beyonce. Rated PG-13 (some sexual references) 123 minutes



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ROBINS REPORT

News from around the base – Watson and Cox Channel 15
Friday – 8 p.m.
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Monday – noon

Got news for the Rev-Up?

Call us at 926-2137.
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Fax us at 926-9597

Pine Oaks greens complete

By Chris Zdrakas
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With a \$1.2 million greens reconstruction project completed, golfers at Robins' Pine Oaks Golf Course are finding smoother, larger greens that "are more fun and have a lot more character," Golf Pro John Anderson said.

By the end of next summer, when the new putting grass has undergone its first full growing season, the greens will be among the best in the area, he said.

The greens, formerly all round-shaped, now have more interesting configurations, giving golfers more options and making the course more fun, Anderson said.

Pine Oaks Administrator Sheryl Branning said golfers who began playing the upgraded course Saturday were enthusiastic



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Nine-year-old John Anderson Jr. tees off on the first hole during the Pine Oaks Golf Course opening ceremonies Thursday morning.

about the first major greens project the course has seen in decades.

Making the first shots Saturday were two of the club's longest standing members – Hillary Perdue, a member since 1967, and Dee Kegley, a member

since 1962 and winner of 15 ladies' championships – and Jerry Vail, who has been with the club 25 years – longer than any other employee.

The 78th Air Base Wing's annual fall golf tournament Thursday

What to know

The Pine Oaks Golf Course reconstruction project is complete. The project included rebuilding 20 greens to U.S. Golf Association specifications.

marked the official grand re-opening of the course. Col. Tom Smoot, 78th Air Base Wing commander; Tommy Stinson, golf course superintendent; and John Anderson Jr., the golf pro's nine-year-old son, hit the first shots.

The project included rebuilding 20 greens to U.S. Golf Association specifications.

In addition to the greens, the work included a new golf cart wash rack, construction of a spill pad to protect the area from chemical spills, and seven new ladies' tees.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center 926-2112

Veterans are invited to come out Tuesday and bowl for \$1 per game and \$1 shoe rental during open bowling.

Fitness Center 926-2128

A Push/Pull/Dip competition will be held Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Each participant completes as many push-ups and dips as possible in one setting, starting with the push-ups and going on to the next movement. The person who completes the most overall wins.

Golf Course 926-4103

A base championship golf tournament is slated for Saturday and Sunday. Cost is \$30 annual green fee and \$50 guests and does not

include golf car. The format will include four divisions: championship, men's, senior and ladies.For more information, call the pro shop at 926-4103.

Youth Center 926-2110

Registration for the inline winter hockey league will be conducted by the youth center from 3 - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 - 6 p.m. on Saturday. For more details call Ron Hayes at 926-2110 or 926-1795.

The 6th Annual Robins Commander's Cup Soccer tournament will be Nov. 17 - 23. Teams wanting to participate must drop off a team roster by Saturday to the youth center. For more information, call Louis Rigney at 328-1161 or O.J. Wheeler at 926-2110.

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Making a splash

Aquatic aerobics make big impact on health with small impact on joints

By Holly J. Logan
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Aqua aerobics help people jump-start their cardio health without jolting their joints, said Robert Willis.

Willis, aquatics director for the 78th Mission Support Group, said aqua aerobics offer people a lighter exercise solution to burning calories.

“It’s a low-impact exercise that allows people to get their heart rate up without the jolt that comes with most cardiovascular exercises,” he said. “The water provides enough support and resistance so that people with arthritis and injuries can get exercise without strain.”

In 1997, Willis suffered a knee injury that nearly ended his ability to enjoy one of his favorite cardio activities - running.

“After I became injured, I started aqua running in the pool,” he explained. “It helped me keep my legs toned and stay in shape, without the damage things like walking and running on land can cause.”

James Martin, exercise physiologist at the Health and Wellness Center, said the aquatic activity is also good for prevention of exercise-induced injuries as well.

“Some people develop shin splints from running so much,” he said. “Using water



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Above, Ashley Engle leads the aqua aerobics class at the Fitness Center. Below, Kathy Battick, who has been taking the class for a year, flexes her muscles. “I think it’s wonderful for us middle-aged people in particular. It’s an activity that keeps you going,” she said.

aerobics (for cardio health) instead of normal running can help people prevent developing these injuries.”

Connie Woods agreed. “I’ve been doing this class for three years on base and four years before that off base,” she

said. “I love the class. It’s the best type of exercise to protect your joints from being over extended.”

Aquatic aerobics classes are available Tuesdays and Thursdays to all adults possessing a Robins base identification card for \$5 per class or \$30 per month.

Class equipment, including foam dumbbells, ankle weights and aquatic jogging belts are provided.

“Come with an open mind and you’ll get a good workout,” Willis said. “It seems to be more fun than regular aerobics for most people who have joined the classes.”



What to know

Aqua aerobics classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:20 - 5 p.m. in the Fitness Center's indoor swimming pool in Building 914. Any adult with a base identification card may participate. Classes are \$5 per class or \$30 a month, with exercise equipment provided by the Fitness Center. For more information, contact Robert Willis, with Outdoor Recreation, at 926-4001.

Robins host to Air Force soccer team

Sports enthusiasts at Robins had an opportunity last month to observe the Air Force soccer team in action.

The 18 team members were chosen from a field of 29 of the Air Force’s best players.

Kenneth Porter, sports director of the Robins Fitness Center and coordinator for the visit, said the Air Force selected Robins as host for the team’s training camp.

From Oct. 14 through

last Sunday, Robins had the Air Force’s finest players working out and holding scrimmage games. They scrimmaged with Robins teams and teams from the community and held a soccer clinic for youngsters from the Robins Youth Center.

Porter said their visit was a good learning experience and gave people exposure both to the sport and to the detailed work that goes into hosting a team.

– Chris Zdrakas

SEMAC SCORES

Southeastern Military Athletic Conference varsity basketball scores

Nov. 1					Nov 2
Women					Women
Hurlburt Field 51	vs.	Robins			Hurlburt Field 48
52 OT					56
Men					Men
Hurlburt Field 82	vs.	Robins			Hurlburt Field 78
84					84

Upcoming SEMAC action Saturday and Sunday:
Men and Women at Maxwell

ROBINS CLUBS

Aerospace Toastmasters meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Contracting Directorate conference room, Building 300, west wing. For more information, contact Keith Dierking, 926-0420.

Robins Top 3 Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. in the Enlisted Club. For information call Master Sgt. Joyce Jones at 926-4997 or Master Sgt. Andrea Johnson at 327-7356.

Procurement Toastmasters Club meets the first and third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate’s conference room, north end of Bldg. 300. For information on the organization, call James Gordon at 926-0061 or Lily Fickler at 926-2825.

Editor’s Note: Information is provided by club members. To have your club or group’s information included or updated, submit it to Angela Trunzo in the WR-ALC Public Affairs office, Bldg. 215, Room 106, by e-mail at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil or by fax at 926-9597.

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All in a day’s work



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Jason Mullis - Sheet Metal Mechanic, C-5 Pylon Shop-MAN

“This is the first step toward the repair of a pylon. A pylon is the part that attaches the engine to the wing. It is put on a pylon fixture to hold it in place, and I do structural repair on it. We’re given a certain number of days to get the repair done so it can then go to the next step. We’ve actually been getting them done a couple of days ahead of schedule.

The C-5s recently achieved their goal of 23 C-5s to complete programmed depot maintenance in 2003 and in appreciation for the support from the Maintenance Directorate we’re all getting a coin and T-shirt. I’ve been here five years, and I love it. You won’t find another job as good as this one.”

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